

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Reception of Holy Communion is open to confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who repent of all sins and understand that they receive Christ’s true Body and Blood, as well as bread and wine, for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we respectfully request you speak with the Pastor before communing. This practice is prompted by love both for God’s Word and God’s people. Those who are not communing today are invited forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest for the blessing. A good tool for use in preparing to receive Holy Communion is found on pages 329-330 of the hymnal. For further study, please see: Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:17-33.

AS WE GATHER

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *“the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *“Let there be light, and there was light”* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *“the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ”* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptizer came, *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,”* Jesus also came *“and was baptized by John in the Jordan”* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *“united with him in a death like his”* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *“newness of life”* (Rom. 6:4).

+ENTER IN SILENCE+ +WAIT IN PRAYER+ +WORSHIP IN REVERENCE+

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (Page 151-166)

HYMN

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

(SILENCE for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Ps. 2:7-11, 12c (antiphon: Is. 42:1a)

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

C: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,

P: for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

KYRIE

~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

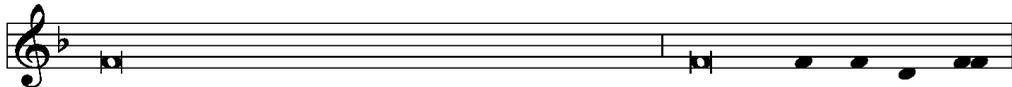
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



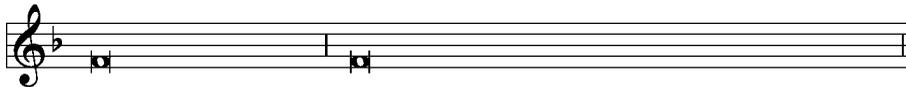
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:1-5

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

[Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8]

**All: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please STAND for the reading of the Gospel)

ALLELUIA

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

C: **Amen.**

(**STAND** and sing to the Lord)

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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(If you have a completed prayer card, please place it in the offering plate when you leave.)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(P: “Let us pray to the Lord:” C: “**Lord, have mercy.**”)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

(Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Because we have a strong desire for all to comprehend this wonderful gift, we ask that you please review the Communion Statement in the front part of this bulletin.)

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

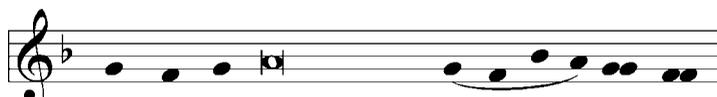


P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

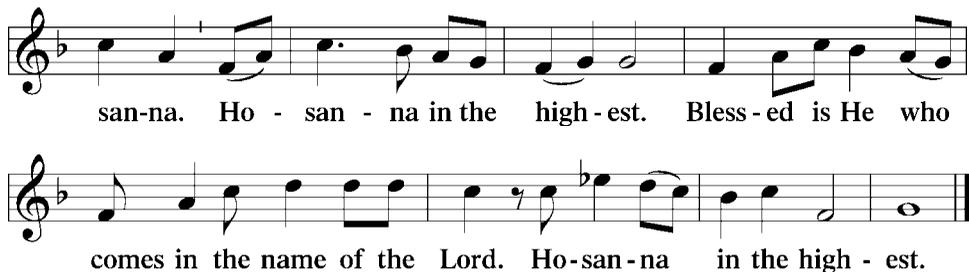
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

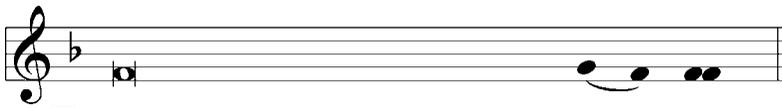
**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Blessed Spring”

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1 O	bles - ed	spring,	where	Word and	sign	Em - brace	us
2 Through	sum - mer	heat	of	youth - ful	years,	Un - cer - tain	
3 When	au - tumn	cools	and	youth is	cold,	When	limbs their
4 As	win - ter	comes,	as	win - ters	must,	We	breathe our
5 Christ,	ho - ly	Vine,	Christ,	liv - ing	Tree,	Be	praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C: Amen.

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

+DEPART IN PEACE+

Our Response to God's Grace

Faithful Assembled for 1/3 Worship:	41
(9 Visitors)	
Offerings, Tithes, & Firstfruits for 1/3:	\$ 1,760.63
(Weekly Needs: \$2,748.08)	
Year to Date <u>Received</u> Offerings:	\$ 1,760.63
(Year to Date <u>Budgeted</u> Offerings: \$2,748.08)	
<i>Over 13.5% of our offerings are given to missions.</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK—Congratulations to **Margaret McCloskey** (13th) and **Jo Carol Guerra** (16th). Our prayers and God's blessings go with them as they celebrate their day.

CHURCH COUNCIL—The Church Council is scheduled to meet TODAY, following the Divine Service.

FOOD PANTRY—Thanks to those who brought food for the Devine Food Pantry. Our next ingathering will be Sunday, February 14.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY—The first, regular 2021 meeting of the Voters Assembly is scheduled for next Sunday, January 17, following the Divine Service. Along with

the regular business items, the Voters will be discussing and considering some District and Synod Convention matters. Visit with Chairman Jim Danner for more information.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—Please review your contact information for the Church Directory in the Narthex. If any changes are needed, make those notes on the sheet. An updated directory will be printed in a few weeks.

ANNIVERSARY PLATE—The Commemorative 30th Anniversary Plates have arrived! You can pick up yours today for just \$20. (The actual cost to design and produce these was \$24.) This is a great way to commemorate God’s 30 years of blessings upon this congregation, and they also can serve as a good conversation piece in your home. Family and friends will know what congregation you are a member of and you’ll have an open door to share more about the blessings God gives in this place. A brief history of the congregation is also printed on the back.

FLOWER CALENDAR—Sign up to sponsor a Sunday (or more) to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone in this New Year. You are responsible for ordering the flowers and having them delivered. If the cost is too high, consider “going in halves” with someone else for a particular Sunday. Ideally, every Sunday should have fresh flowers on the altar reflecting the beauty and glory of our living God. See Pastor Wehmeyer for more information.

SOCIAL DISTANCE—Please remember to social distance while in the Sanctuary and Narthex. Once the service is over, please exit the Narthex and socialize at a six-foot distance in the parking lot or under the trees. Holy Communion is a “walk by” format, there is no formal gathering of the offering, no handshaking, and Bible Class & Sunday School are temporarily suspended. Please keep 2-3 chairs separating non-household members in the same row. It would be best to wear your mask in the Narthex.

MARK 1:7—“And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks unless requested otherwise.)

*New Prayer Request

Surgeries and Healings

“For I am the Lord who heals you.” (Exodus 15:26)

***Hannah Wood**, following a car accident—requested by Nell Schmidt
Andy Martin, following procedure on 1/7
Virgil Krenmueller—requested by Wendy Jones
Anna—requested by Rosalie Stricker
Rachel Rendon—requested by Margaret McCloskey
Wesley Schuknecht—brother of Johnny Schuknecht
Bill Jopling, following medical tests
Dewane Schuknecht—uncle of Johnny Schuknecht
Cheryl Rabe—daughter of Louis & Lynda Dicke
Mary Feltner
Karlee Riser—great-granddaughter of Glen & La Nell Felps
Claudia Carberry

Hospice

“The Lord bless you and keep you...” (Numbers 6:24)

Karen Spriggel—relative of Wendy Jones
Evelyn Meinholdt—sister of Nell Schmidt
Lynn Schott—sister of Nell Schmidt

Deaths

“I know that my Redeemer lives” (Job 19:25a)

Family of Frances Simmons—requested by Robert Martin
Family of Norene Martin—mother of Judi Jopling

Cancer Patients and all their family members

“I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.” (Jeremiah 33:6b)

***Sharon Ortegon**—cousin of Andy Martin
Ray Fear, prostate cancer
Marla Worman—relative of Andy Martin
Amy Uslavage, stage 4 breast cancer—cousin of Lydia Zerr
Kathy Bellmore, malignant brain tumor—sister of Judi Jopling